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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Massimo Mancuso and Rinaldo Poluzzi
Application No. : 09/087,671
Filed : May 29, 1998
For : POST-PROCESSING METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN BLOCK-CODED DIGITAL IMAGES, AND POST-PROCESSING DEVICE FOR ACTUATING SUCH METHOD

Examiner : Coulter Henry, Jr.
Art Unit : 2722
Docket No. : 853063.450
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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

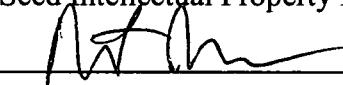
Applicants herewith petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated January 21, 2000, from April 21, 2000 to May 21, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$110 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Massimo Mancuso and Rinaldo Poluzzi

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